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In re Application of:

WATONAGA, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2652

Serial No.: 09/987,389

Examiner: P.V. Agustin

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For: OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL DISK

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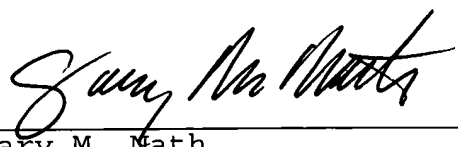
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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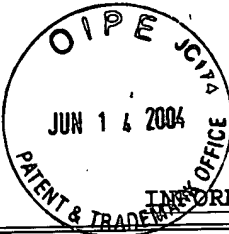

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	AI	P63-210906	01 Sep 1988	JP			Abstract
	AJ	P2001-324673	22 Nov 2001	JP			Abstract
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